



# COLLEGE PROMISE



## **What is the Baltimore County College Promise program?**

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced the new Baltimore County College Promise program on March 19, 2018. Bringing home the promise of affordable college for Baltimore County families, this scholarship enables college-ready, recent high school graduates to pursue and complete their degrees and certificates at CCBC without the burden of debt. Close to 1,000 students are expected to be eligible for the first year of the Baltimore County College Promise program.

## **What does the scholarship cover?**

The scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students to complete an associate degree or workplace credential (up to a maximum of three years). The award amount is calculated as a "last dollar in" award, after applying all financial awards (such as Pell grants and state aid) as a result of completing the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA), to tuition and fees. Awardees may apply the scholarship to their first degree or credential sought at CCBC. They will still need to cover other costs such as books, transportation, supplies and materials.

## **How does Baltimore County benefit?**

The Baltimore County College Promise program:

- Provides college access and affordability to hundreds of Baltimore County residents who might otherwise be unable to afford to attend and complete college.
- Bridges the education and wage gaps for minority, low-income, and first-generation students.
- Improves high school and college persistence, retention and completion rates.
- Ensures greater individual earning power:
  - The average CCBC graduate will see an increase in earnings of \$10,400 each year compared to someone with only a high school diploma.
  - Over a working lifetime, this amounts to more than \$300,000 in increased earnings.
- Ensures a stronger economy and better quality of life.
- Is a promise to Baltimore County residents that keeps on giving, as 95 percent of CCBC's graduates stay and live in the Baltimore region, contributing to the local economy and communities.

### Scholarship eligibility requirements

- ✓ Be a Baltimore County resident.
- ✓ Be a recent graduate of a public, parochial or private high school or home school (within past two years).
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ Have a high school GPA of 2.5 or better.
- ✓ Have an adjusted gross income of less than \$69,000, which is the median income in Baltimore County.
- ✓ Enroll full time as a new student to CCBC ("new" includes students who may have earned CCBC or other college credits while in high school).

### Maintaining the scholarship

#### *If pursuing an associate degree:*

- ✓ File a Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) each year.
- ✓ Maintain full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credits during fall and spring semesters).
- ✓ Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- ✓ Successfully complete degree within three years.

#### *If seeking workforce licensure or certification (credit or non-credit):*

- ✓ File a Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) each year.
- ✓ Enroll full time and maintain continuous enrollment.
- ✓ Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- ✓ Complete the credential within the prescribed timeline for the course/program requirements.



### How the scholarship works

#### *CCBC tuition and fee snapshot*

	FY2018 Rates	Credits	FY2018 charges
In-county tuition	\$120 per credit	12	\$1,440
General services fee	\$15	12	\$180
Technology fee	\$11	12	\$132
Activity fee	\$4	12	\$48
Registration fee	\$55	N/A	\$55
Capital fee	\$10	N/A	\$10
<b>Total bill</b>			<b>\$1,865</b>

#### *College Promise scholarship scenario:*

For a full-time student, enrolled in 12 credits, the cost of tuition and fees is \$1,865 for one semester.

The scholarship amount awarded to an eligible student would be after Pell or any other awards/scholarships (not including loans).

*Example: a student who received \$1,000 in financial aid would receive \$865 from the program to fill the gap and pay the "last dollars" needed to cover CCBC tuition.*

Total tuition expense to a student—**\$0**.

### To apply

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